

**Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**  
**Division of Agriculture**

**Notice of Public Meeting for October 29, 2014, 3:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing regarding the Local Agriculture and Seafood Act (LASA) Small Grants and Technical Assistance Program will be held in Room 300 of the RI Department of Environmental Management, at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

The purpose of this hearing is to accomplish the purposes of RIGL 2-25-8 which requires the Department to annually schedule and conduct one or more public meetings to solicit input from the general public on whether the program is meeting its intended purposes, and to solicit recommendations for modifying the program.

**AGENDA:**

1. General overview of the program (Ken Ayars, DEM)
2. Grant round #1 overview (Leo Pollock, RI Food Policy Council)
3. Group breakouts
  - Discussion relative to 2015 round #2 priorities
  - Discussion relative to outreach strategy for 2015 round #2
4. Wrap up & next steps (Ken Ayars & Leo Pollock)

Written comments are welcome and may be emailed to [LASA@dem.ri.gov](mailto:LASA@dem.ri.gov) or mailed to/dropped off at the Division of Agriculture office at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 until Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. *Email submissions are strongly preferred.* All oral and written comments will be considered in the same manner.

**MEETING LOCATION:** RI DEM at The Foundry, Room 300  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908

**NOTES:** If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ken Ayars, Chief, Division of Agriculture, 222-2781 ext. 4500, [ken.ayars@dem.ri.gov](mailto:ken.ayars@dem.ri.gov), or Nicole Pollock, Assistant to the Director, 222-4700 ext. 2038, [nicole.pollock@dem.ri.gov](mailto:nicole.pollock@dem.ri.gov).

**The meeting location is accessible to handicapped persons. If you require interpreter services for the hearing impaired, please request by contacting TDD number 222-1205 or #711 (R.I. Relay), at least 3 days in advance of the meeting.**

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